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DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Government direct the company to absorb all the sugarcane grown in the area irrespective of the economic condition and the capacity of the plants the company may have? 3-10 p.m.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : We cannot do it.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE* : MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have received a message from the Hon. Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the Madras Sugar Factories Control (Amendment) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1962), as passed by the Assembly, on the 26th April 1962 and signed by him, for the recommendation of the Council and certifying that the Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 199 of the Constitution of India.

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO FAILURE OF PROTECTED WATER SUPPLY TO BHAKTAVATSALAM NAGAR, ADYAR, AND TO DIVISIONS 1 TO 20 AND 70 TO 100 IN MADRAS CITY.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, under rule 42 (1) of the Madras Council Rules, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Public Health to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the complete failure of protected water-supply to Bhaktavatsalam Nagar, Adyar, for a continuous period of 36 hours from 19th evening to 21st morning and again from 21st evening to 23rd morning and the meagre and irregular supply of protected water in Divisions 1 to 20 and 70 to 100 except a few places like Raja Annamalaipuram and the consquent hardship caused to the residents of these localities in the City and the necessity for immediate action in this regard.

* THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Mr. Chairman, Sir, Gandhi Nagar being at the extreme south of the City and at the tail end of the water-supply distribution system, there was no proper pressure in the mains in this locality and for this reason, this Colony's water-supply was arranged through two wells sunk by the Corporation in Urur and partially supplemented with Red Hills water from the Mandavalli Booster tank situated at Brodies Road end. With the extension of housing colonies still further south, such as Kasturba Nagar, Nehru Nagar and Bhaktavatsalam Nagar, Gandhi Nagar water-supply system was extended to these colonies also. The source of supply not being quite adequate, the water-supply to the southernmost colony, i.e., Bhaktavatsalam Nagar, is meagre, particularly during summer on account of the heavy draw on the distribution system right from the commencement of the trunk mains. The City water-supply is being maintained at about 34 million gallons daily. The maximum quantity of water that can be filtered and sent out is supplied, though defects are noticed at the tail ends more and more as the summer advances.

On recipts of a complaint from the Member of the Council, Vidwan T. Muthukannappan, the Assistant Engineer of the Water Works Department inspected the houses in this locality including the residence of the Member and as the defect was understood to be not caused by any breakdowns, but on account of a general reduction in pressure, action was taken by the Corporation to pump a small extra quantity of water from Mandavalli Booster tank for feeding Bhaktavatsalam Nagar by cutting down supply to that extent from the adjoining areas. This position is now being maintained though there are complaints from the affected localities also.

As regards defective supply to areas comprising divisions 1 to 20 in the north, the North Madras trunk main which is under execution designed for this aea exclusively is nearing completion. In the way the distribution system has been working, except the areas which are very close to the Kilpauk Water Works and those which happen to adjoin the trunk mains, all other areas in the City suffer from defective water-supply, and this is not confined to any particular area in the City. To make the available water go round more equitably to all the divisions, schemes have been prepared for redesigning the distribution system.

Divisions 70 to 77 form part of Zone 5 under the Zonal Scheme. A separate trunk main is proposed to be laid from Kilpauk Water Works to feed this zone, and the work will be taken up by the Corporation shortly.

Divisions 91, 92 and 96 are included in Zone 8-B. A separate main to feed this area has also been sanctioned and the work will be taken up by the Corporation shortly.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

ASSOCIATION OF THREE MEMBERS WITH THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move—

"That this House nominates the following three members to associate with the Committee on Subordinate Legislation of the Legislative Assembly for the financial year 1962–63 :—

Sri K. Balasubramanya Ayyar.
Sri M. Seshachariar.
Sri A. Gajapathy Nayagar."

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

"That this House nominates the following three members to associate with the Committee on Subordinate Legislation of the Legislative Assembly for the financial year 1962–63 :—

Sri K. Balasubramanya Ayyar.
Sri M. Seshachariar.
Sri A. Gajapathy Nayagar."

The motion was put and carried.